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RESERVATION FOR OBCs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate job opportunities for the persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in various Departments, Autonomous Officers, Subsidiary and attached officers of the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in a number of instances the OBC staff strength is far less than the required strength particularly in Group A and B; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The job opportunities for persons belonging to OBC classes in Ministry of Agriculture are based on the instructions issued from time to time by the Department of Personnel & Training. The salient features of these instructions, at present, are:-

(1) 27% of civil posts/services under Government of India is to be filled through direct recruitment from persons belonging to OBCs.

(2) Candidates belonging to OBCs recruited on the basis of merit in an open competitionon the same standards prescribed for general candidates shall not be adjusted against the reservation quota of 27%.

(3) The reservation orders apply also to Scientific and Technical posts upto and including the lowest grade of Group `A` in respective services.

(4) Orders for reservation for OBCs are applicable to Public Sector Undertakings /Autonomous bodies/Attached and Subordinate officers/Statutory and Semi- Government bodies.

(c)&(d): The shortfall in OBC staff strength is mainly on account ofinitial operation of the post based roster w.e.f. 2.7.97 due to which the existing appointments have been plotted against each point of roster starting with earliest appointee. In post based roster, the points at which reservation for different categories applies are fixed and the same are to be filled up when the reserved post/vacancy becomes available. Accordingly, the posts earmarked for OBCs as per the reservation roster are being filled up.